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by

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Here is my slogan for the w Year now upon us:
"Open the Door
To Seventy-Four."
Guess we will have our ups d downs, successes and ures, good times and bad, as ividuals and a nation and rld. 'Twas ever thus, and so st it be. So the point is pen the Door" and let us get with it.

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There is no reason why ppomattox should not have a at Year. The new high hool should be ready for cupancy. Before year's end it should see Thomasville rniture in production, with creasing employment. Along way there will be surprises d maybe a few disappointnts, some irons that do not hot. But "Open the Door" oil the hinges.

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Basically conservative, I ed a young friend what uld be the most difficult rts achievement. I had in nd maybe some feat in tball, baseball...but my ung friend did not hesitate.... aid: "Javelin Catching."

Many stores are taking ntory this week. As a high pper in Portsmouth, Virgin- I worked afternoons and turdays in a chain food store I they took inventory every nth. They were successful ause they always knew the re, what was selling and at was not, and they smartly tered to methods that rked. It makes sense that r inventory there should be Clearance Sale, and all this plies to our own lives! I may n take inventory of my sement and have a yard sale!

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Santa Claus spent a lot of me in and around Appomat- l Never saw such displays ound the Christmas Trees. d I could not see that the b on Christmas lighting hurt ll. The action was inside the mes, around the Tree, or the ing room. Thanks to eryone! Guess what I ceived for a special Birthday membrance? Thanks to ghtleaf's niece, Mrs. Bob ntgomery, who is on the ff of Congressman Robert Daniel. When I unwrapped gift package I found a large S. Flag, accompanied by a rtificate, dated December 21, 73, reading: "This is to rtify that the accompanying g was flown over the United ates Capitol today. I underand that this flag will be esented to Mr. Calvin H. hnson of Appomattox, Virgia, who celebrated his rthday today." Signed by orge M. White, FAIA, chitect of the Capitol. Wow! I trying to be very modest out it, and I do not have a apole, But as the late Gen. glas MacArthur once said, st us keep the Flag flying!" mericans have so much to be nkful for, and every day ght well be Flag Day. No e to have a case of wobbles.

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When I opened the front door ristmas morning, a rabbit s there at the door, and I was ught without a carrot. He left loping haste. But I did have bird seed and so help me e birds got into a hassle at the feeder. Greedy and selfish, ey spent more time fighting ch other than eating. Each e seemed to want it all!

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I will end this visit as I began Open the Door to '74. To ch of you, a Prosperous New ar and thanks so much for ding the homespun remarks a retired Country Editor. eavens to Betsy: Appomattox A Growing Town in a owing County.

Elon Roach was the installing officer on Saturday evening as the Appomattox County Rescue Squad marked another successful year of service with a dinner and the installation of officers for 1974.

New officers installed, seated left to right, were Grover Beasley, Jr., Second Lieutenant Junior; Andy Scruggs, First Lieutenant; Mrs. Nellie Almond, Vice-President; Mr. Roach, the installing officer; and Jimmy Rogers, Captain; standing, left to right, were Perry Davis, Sgt. of Building and Grounds; Kelly O'Brien, Sgt. of the Motor Pool; James Womack, Communications Officer; Paul O. (Pete) Doss, President and member of the Board of Governors; Ray Noble, Training Officer; and Abner Scruggs, Second Lieutenant Senior. Officers installed but not available for picture were Mrs. Nina Beasley, Secretary, and Toby Inge, Treasurer.

Rescue Squad Installs Officers For 1974

Crewman of the Year

Jack Williams, on the left, charter member of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad, was honored on Saturday evening, December 29th, 1973 with a plaque naming him "Crewman of the Year" for 1973. Presenting the award on behalf of the Rescue Squad was "Pete" Doss, Captain for the past year.

This marked the third year that this honor has been bestowed on a member of the local rescue squad. Andy Scruggs received the award in 1971 and Jimmy Rogers received the award in 1972.

The Appomattox County Rescue Squad marked another successful year of service to the people of Appomattox County when members, their husbands or wives, and other guests met at the Rescue Squad Building on Saturday evening, December 29th, for a dinner and the installation of officers for the new year.

"Pete" Doss, Captain of the ACRS, introduced Mr. Elon Roach, guest speaker for the evening and the installing officer.

Mr. Roach, a 28-year employee with the Virginia State Police Department, was the instructor in 1961 for the first Standard and Advanced First Aid Course to be taught in Appomattox with the idea of forming a rescue squad. He commented on the long way the squad had come since 1961 when the idea of a rescue squad in Appomattox was just a "twinkle in the eye."

Roach noted that several members of the ACRS were in the original class taught by him. He added that support and cooperation to the Appomattox County Rescue Squad was in evidence when you noted the fine cooperation many civic clubs, organizations and individuals give to this organization...year after year.

Captain Doss extended personal thanks to the guests attending for their assistance to the Rescue Squad and reported that since January 1, 1973 through December 29th at noon a total of 501 emergency calls had been answered by the squad, 2081 3/4 manhours had been expended by members and they had traveled a total of 23,928 miles in answer to these calls. Members of the squad are constantly striving to better serve the people of this community and with the loyal support of the citizens of Appomattox County they will accomplish their goal.

Schools To Operate On Daylight Savings Time

It was announced Monday by division superintendent, Lloyd G. Walton, that the Appomattox County Public Schools will operate on Daylight Savings Time, beginning Monday, January 7, 1974. The regular school day for students will open at 8:45 a.m. and close at 3:15 p.m. Daylight Savings Time.

This schedule will be observed closely during the week of January seventh to determine if an adjustment in the schedule of thirty minutes (open at 9:15 a.m. - close at 3:45 p.m., DST) would have sufficient advantages to justify the change.

"Our concern relative to the regular school schedule on Daylight Savings Time is that a small percentage of the students will have to meet busses before daylight," said Walton. "A change in the schedule" he said, "will also disrupt the routine of many families in that both parents work which could result in some children remaining at home for an additional thirty minutes without parental supervision."

The supervisor of transportation, H. A. Paulette, and

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Back-Yard Burning Is Legal

It may be of interest to citizens of the town and county to know that it is legal and within the law to burn papers, boxes and such in a back-yard incenerator. A 55 gallon barrel will be approved as a safe container to use for home burning.

Paper constitutes approximately 75% of the volumn of trash picked up, most of which could be burned in your fireplace or stoves to help oat with the energy crisis.

Remember, for your Convenience, it is legal to burn trash as described above in your back-yard containers where there is no regular trash pick up. The new container system in Appomattox County is not considered to be regular trash pick-up service and papers and boxes take up a great deal of space in the container-type bins throughout the county.

Jaycees Donate to Toga Fire Department

The Jaycees of Appomattox recently donated three fireman helmets to the Toga Volunteer Fire Department. Making the presentation to Skip Hoag, Fire Chief, (left) on behalf of the Appomattox Jaycees is Addison Elder, shown on the right above. This is just one more of the fine services rendered by the Jaycees to worthy civic organizations.

DST To Begin January 6th

In Appomattox County, as throughout the nation, Daylight Savings Time will be in effect as of Sunday, January 6, 1974.

You are reminded to turn your clocks ahead one hour on that date. At 1 a.m. on Sunday, January 6th, set clocks up to 2 a.m. and you will be on schedule.

If you are worried about losing an hour of your sleep-time, you might want to retire a bit earlier.

County Building Code Ordinance Effective January 1, 1974

The Appomattox County Building Code Ordinance has been adopted and became effective January 1, 1974 bring Appomattox County into conformance with State law.

This ordinance establishes an Office of Building and Housing whose responsibility it is to enforce the provisions of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code as stated in Article One, Section Nine of the Uniform Building Code. The cost of enforcement is to be defrayed through the levying of fees by the Office of Building and Housing and provided in Section 36-105 of the Code of Virginia of 1950 as amended. The Office of the Building and Housing shall have a building official and an inspector who shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors for the County of Appomattox and both shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors and it is their duty, authority, and responsibility to organize and to see to the daily operations of the Office of Building and Housing.

The Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County has appointed W. S. Slagle as Building Official and has appointed W. S. Bowling as Building Inspector.

The County Ordinance requires that all building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical contractors and subcontractors register with the County of Appomattox in order that the Office of Building and Housing may know who is doing work within the county and in order to keep them advised of code amendments and other pertinent information.

The code also gives the Board of Supervisors the authority through proper procedures to revoke such certificate if it is proved that such contractor is dishonest, grossly incompetent or repeatedly neglectful of the provisions of the Building Code Ordinance.

Questions have arisen regarding the difficulty of obtaining the necessary code books. The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors through the Office of Building and Housing has ordered a supply of code books, for the convenience of the contractors and sub-contractors within the county. These books will be distributed to the contractors at the time of registration and upon payment of the proper fee, which fee covers the cost of these code books. Registration and code book distribution will be conducted through the

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Bloodmobile Visit Set For February 5

The third visit of the fiscal year for the Red Cross Bloodmobile to Appomattox County has been set for Tuesday February 5th, from noon until 6 p.m. at Liberty Baptist Church.

The quota for this visit is set at 116 units of blood and the quota must be met in order for our county to maintain its present standing.

Plan now, mark your calendar, and come out on February 5th and donate a unit of your blood.

Town Council Approves Budget For New Year

Dennis Torrence (left) is congratulated by James Shadle, outgoing Vice-President of Region VI of NVATA from Hegins, Pa. Looking on is George Dunsmore, new Region VI Vice-President from Vermont.

Torrence Elected National Officer

Dennis W. Torrence, agricultural instructor at Appomattox County High School, was elected as Alternate Vice-President of Region VI of the National Vocational Agricultural Association at the recent national convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

As Alternate VP Torrence will work directly with George Dunsmore, Region VI Vice-President from Vermont, in coordinating the efforts of the 13 state ag teacher organizations located from Virginia to Maine for the coming year.

Major activities during the year will include the Region VI Officer Leadership Conference to be held in May in Williamsburg, Virginia. The VVATA of which Torrence is President will host the meeting.

Other responsibilities will be visits to other state conferences in Region VI by Torrence and Dunsmore. Final duties will be completed in 1974 at the National NVATA AVA Convention in New Orleans, La.

Fire Calls Reported For Year of 1973

The Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department answered 66 calls during 1973, an increase of twenty-one percent over the previous year. Firemen spent a total of 714 manhours with an average of nine men answering each alarm.

Sixty-four percent of the calls were answered during daylight hours and seventy-four percent were in the county.

The following is a breakdown of the calls: house fire (including stove, chimneys, etc.), 20; brush and grass fires, 14; car fires, 11; false alarms, 8; missing persons, 5; business establishments, 2; tractor fires, 1; barns, 1; house trailers, 1; bulldozer, 1; and one call to retrieve a goat from a well.

The members of the fire department appreciate the support given throughout the year by the citizens and officials of the town and county.

Holiday Lake Access Road Job Let At $160,423

A new recreational access road to Holiday Lake will be provided under a $160,423 contract let by the Virginia Department of Highways recently.

The project on Secondary Route 614 calls for grading, draining and paving 4.2 miles of 18-foot-wide roadway on an improved alignment in Appomattox and Buckingham counties.

The contract went to Evans and Nash Construction Company, of Appomattox.

FIRE CALLS REPORTED

The Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department took only two fire calls during the Christmas holidays.

On December 17th, two units and nine men answered a call for a house fire on the Red House Road. The house was destroyed.

On December 29th, two units and seven men answered a call for an overheated furnace. No damage resulted from this call.

Increase Seen Over Last Year

The budget for 1974 for the Town of Appomattox was presented to council members for consideration when they met in regular session on Friday evening, December 21, 1973.

The total of the budget for 1974 as presented was $142,534, an increase of $26,144 over that of 1973.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion to accept the budget as presented was made by R. C. Hubbard, seconded by Ivey Holland and was approved by council. A copy of the budget as approved is printed on another page of this newspaper for your information.

At the request of the Virginia Department of Highways, a resolution was passed by council regarding 2-hour limited parking on Oakleigh Avenue between its intersection with Church Street and Harrell Street. The resolution was needed for record before the signs could be put up as requested by council at a previous meeting.

In other business council voted to purchase a sewage pump station to serve the Sunnydale Avenue section of the town at a total cost of $8229.00.

Mayor Henry Pack advised council that the right-of-way on #1002, Evergreen Avenue, has been almost totally acquired [illegible] all property owners with the exception of two have already donated property for the right-of-way and that one of these property owners has indicated that he will donate the right-of-way to the town, however, the other property owner will not agree to give up the right-of-way needed for the expansion of Evergreen Avenue that goes by the new high school.

Council voted to accept the incidental land parcels involved in the successful annexation suit as defined in exhibit A of the annexation petition into the Corporate Limits of the Town of Appomattox. The parcels involved in the annexation were the new Appomattox Senior High School, Jeanne and Harry Stanley, Virginia Department of Highways Regional Office, A. E. Hopkinson, Appomattox Primary School, Ronald Paulette property, and Thomasville Furniture Industries property.

W. S. Slagle, Town Manager, advised council that drawings on the water and sewer systems are extremely inadequate and that a proposal from May-Hines Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors

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Annexation Effective January 1, 1974

George F. Abbitt, Circuit Court Judge, is shown above as he signs the order making the annexation of certain county property into the Town of Appomattox effective January 1, 1974. Looking on as Judge Abbitt signs is W. Sam Kerr, Commonwealth Attorney, left, and W. s. Slagle, Town Manager, on the right.

On December 7, 1973 Appomattox County succeeded in its attempt to have the Town of Appomattox annex county land containing the new Appomattox High School, Jeanne and Harry Stanley property, Virginia Department of Highways regional office, A. E. Hopkinson property, Appomattox Primary School, Ronald Paulette property and the new Thomasville Furniture Industries property.